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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Invention II directed to claims 1-2 and 5-9, drawn to ferroelectric, for prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement. MPEP § 803 states that the two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions are (1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required.

Applicants note that Group I includes claims 1-4 while Group II includes 1, 2 and 5-9. Applicants respectfully submit that both Groups I and II include claims 1 and 2, thus linking the groupings. If the grouping is merely the result of a typographical error, Applicants request that a corrected Restriction Requirement be issued so that Applicants be afforded an ability to respond. Moreover, the Examiner has only identified a total of one subclass for the claimed subject matter, and has thus not shown there would be a serious burden if restriction was not required.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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